

Can fire protection cable trays be shared with low-voltage cable trays



Overview

Due to their exposure to the open air because of the cable trays, the wires contained within need a very durable outer covering. The regulations dictate that the cables must either be Type TC (also known as Tray Rated) or must be metal-armored (Type MC). This document outlines the key requirements for cable tray layout, installation, and fireproofing in industrial and commercial environments. Route Planning and Layout Principles Coordinate with Building Structure: Cable tray routing should align with architectural design, avoiding unnecessary. If not designed and installed properly, wiring inside cable trays may pose hazards such as fire, electric shock, and arc-flash blast events. Cable trays can be part of a planned cable management system to support, route, protect, and provide a pathway for cable systems. The commissioning agents for the project have recently told us that this is against code, however in speaking with our fire alarm subcontractor they do not believe that to be the case -. Answer: Yes; cables are tied down in cable trays to keep the cables in the cable tray, to maintain spacing between cables, or to segregate or confine certain types of cables to specific locations. The last two items can also be accomplished with a solid fixed barrier.



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NEC Article 392: Cable Tray Systems

It provides rules for acceptable wiring methods that can be installed in cable trays, including conditions for use. It addresses uses permitted and not permitted for cable trays.

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